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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EC-9 APPROACH TO WALDHEIM ON CYPRUS TALKS

1. DUTCH CHARGE TYDEMAN CALLED ON EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AUGUST 30 TO REPORT RESULTS OF APPROACH BY DUTCH UN PERMREP, ON BEHALF OF EC-9, ON UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 27.

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT TYDEMAN HAD RECEIVED, WALDHEIM
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FOUND THE CURRENT SITUATION "EXTREMELY DISCOURAGING" WITH

THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES TOO FAR APART TO ALLOW FOR ANY INITIATIVE AIMED AT RECONVENING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SOON. WALDHEIM REINFORCED THIS ASSESSMENT BY STRESSING THAT BOTH BITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL HAD TOLD HIM IN THEIR RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO RESUME THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIME.

3. WALDHEIM TOLD THE DUTCH PERMREP THAT HE AGREED WITH THE GREEK POSITION THAT TALKS AT THIS STAGE WOULD INEVITABLY END IN DISASTER AND LIKELY DESTROY THE WALDHEIM NEGOTIATING MECHANISM. WALDHEIM MADE CLEAR THAT HE IS NOT PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN A PROCEDURAL CHARADE NOR PUT HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE ON THE LINE IN NEGOTIATIONS THAT WERE ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE UNPRODUCTIVE. UNLESS THERE WERE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS,

4. AS FOR THE LEDRA PALACE TALKS, WALDHEIM HAD DETERMINED THAT ANKARA WAS AGAINST EXPANDING THIS FORUM BEYOND ITS HUMANITARIAN MANDATE. THUS, HE SAW LITTLE UTILITY IN ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS AT THAT LEVEL.

5. HARTMAN NOTED THAT WALDHEIM WAS CLEARLY UNPREPARED TO PLAY A STRONG ROLE AND THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO GIVE THOUGHT TO OTHER APPROACHES IF THERE WERE TO BE ANY SUCCESS IN GETTING THE PARTIES BACK TO ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE US HAD NO FIRM IDEAS AT THIS POINT BUT WAS GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBLE NEW APPROACHES. HARTMAN PROMISED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE EC-9.

6. TYDEMAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING THE EC-9 INTENDED TO REMAIN ACTIVE IN PRESSING THE TWO SIDES TO RETURN TO THE TABLE WHILE FULLY REALIZING THAT CHANCES IN THE SHORT RUN ARE NEAR ZERO.

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